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ALLARD ENDORSES ROCKY FLATS COALITION

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO) today announced that he endorses the Rocky Flats Coalition and their efforts to oversee the clean-up of Rocky Flats, as well as promote community support for the 2006 closure date. The Coalition comprises Boulder and Jefferson Counties, along with the cities of Arvada, Broomfield, Boulder, Superior, and Westminster.

"The Rocky Flats Coalition will be very important in the upcoming years as we push towards a 2006 closure date for the site. The Coalition's input on future use of the site, as well as how the cleanup is proceeding, is very important to me because the groups represented in the Coalition are in this for the long term," Allard said. "Long after DOE leaves the site, these cities and counties will still have stewardship responsibilities to their citizens. I look forward to working very closely with the coalition in the future."

Allard stresses that community support is perhaps the most important aspect of reaching a 2006 closure date for the site. In addition, the General Accounting Office (GAO) recently released a report with respect to Rocky Flats that noted there is strong community support for 2006 closure.